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SUBJECT: COCOA: GOTT INVITED TO JOIN COCOA PRODUCERS'

ALLIANCE

1. AYO OSHINIBI, NIGERIAN SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE COCOA PRODUCERS' ALLIANCE, VISITED PORT OF SPAIN MAY 4-9 TO URGE THAT GOTT JOIN THE PRODUCERS GROUP. IN A TELEVISED INTERVIEW TOGETHER WITH CHARLES DE FREITAS, GENERAL MANAGER OF THE TRINIDAD COCOA AND COFFEE INDUSTRY BOARD, OSHINIBI CLAIMED THAT THE ALLIANCE NOW REPRESENTS 85 PERCENT OF THE WORLD'S COCOA PRODUCTION. NOTING THAT TRINIDAD HAS A CREDIBLE RECORD IN COCOA RESEARCH AND WAS THE LOCATION OF THE 1962 TALKS AMONG COCOA PRODUCERS WHICH EVENTUALLY LED TO FORMATION OF THE ASSOCIATION, HE URGED THAT TRINIDAD FORMALLY JOIN THE GROUP, EVEN THOUGH TRINIDAD'S PRODUCTION OF 10.5 MILLION POUNDS IS A NEGLIGIBLE FACTOR IN WORLD COCOA TRADE. DE FREITAS (WHO MET WITH OSHINIBI IN LAGOS IN 1972) COMMENTED THAT HE COULD SEE "ONLY ADVANTAGES AND NO PROBLEMS"

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STEMMING FROM POSSIBLE TRINIDADIAN ADHESION TO COCOA PRODUCERS'

ALLIANCE, BUT HE SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE TO MAKE THE
DECISION TO JOIN. TO DATE, THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL GOTT
REACTION TO OSHINIBI'S PRESENCE IN TRINIDAD, ALTHOUGH HE
DID PAY A COURTESY CALL ON MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND
COMMERCE ERROL MAHABIR, AND ON MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE
LIONEL ROBINSON.
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